

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified Application is respectfully requested. Claims 14, 16 and 31 are in the case. Claims 1-13, 15, 17-30 and 32 have been canceled.

Regarding the rejection of Claims 1-3, 10, 18-19 and 22-27 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Iwamatsu, these claims have all been canceled, thereby rendering this rejection moot. Wherefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

Regarding the rejection of Claims 1, 11-13, 15, 17, 25 and 28-30 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as allegedly being anticipated by Lindemann, these claims have all been canceled, thereby rendering this rejection moot. Wherefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

Regarding the rejection of Claims 1 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Peterson, these claims have both been canceled, thereby rendering this rejection moot. Wherefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

Regarding the rejection of Claims 4-9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Iwamatsu, these claims have all been canceled, thereby rendering this rejection moot. Wherefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

Regarding the rejection of Claims 20-21 and 32 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Iwamatsu in view of Bird, these claims have all been canceled, thereby rendering this rejection moot. Wherefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

Regarding the objection to Claims 14, 16 and 31 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, and the indication of their allowability if re-written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any

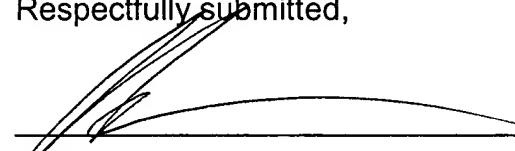
intervening claims, these claims have been so re-written. Wherefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are respectfully requested.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims recite the patentably distinguishing features of the invention and that, taken together with the above remarks, the present application is now in proper form for allowance. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, and allowance of the claims are requested at an early date.

While it is believed that the instant amendment places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

To the extent necessary, the Applicants petition for an Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136. Please charge any fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees to the Deposit Account No. 20-0668 of Texas Instruments Incorporated.

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